

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination and are pending. Claims 17-20 are rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

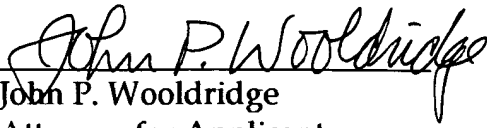
The amendment document filed on September 30, 2004 was considered non-compliant because claim 16 was not provided with the correct status identifier. A correct set of claims is provided above. Therefore the present claims and the previously submitted arguments and comments should be entered.

Conclusions

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance based on claims 1-20 in view of the amendments thereto and the foregoing comments.

If any impediments remain to prompt allowance of the case, please contact the undersigned at 808-875-0012.

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